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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: IRAQI FLIGHTS TO ADEN

1. FOREIGN MINISTER TOLD ME JUNE 19 THAT ON JUNE
15 GOVERNMENT OF IRAQ HAD INFORMED GOB THAT TWELVE
CARGO FLIGHTS BY IRAQI AIRWAYS AIRCRAFT WOULD SOON
TRANSIT GULF (AND BAHRAIN FIR) EN ROUTE TO ADEN.
HE SAID FIRST FLIGHT TOOK PLACE JUNE 18.

2. FONMIN OPINED THAT PERHAPS FLIGHTS CARRY MILITARY
EQUIPMENT BOUND EVENTUALLY FOR ERITREANS. HE SPECULATED
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FURTHER THAT PERHAPS IRAQIS HAD MADE DEAL WITH SOVIETS
AND PDYR TO PASS ASSISTANCE TO ERITREA IN THIS WAY.
HE CONTINUED THAT CRAZY AS IT SOUNDS, GIVEN SOVIET SUPPORT
FOR ETHIOPIANS, PERHAPS THIS IS ONE OF WAYS SOVIETS AND
IRAQIS HAVE FOUND TO DE-FUSE THEIR RECENT DISAGREEMENTS.

3. I ASKED IF IRAQI FLIGHT ACTIVITY OF THIS KIND VERY

UNUSUAL. HE SAID IT WAS, VERVE HE ASKED IF USG HAD ANY
IDEAS OR INFORMATION IN THIS REGARD WHICH I COULD SHARE
WITH HIM. I SAID I WOULD ASK AND ADVISE HIM. I TOLD HIM
OF OUR GENERAL ASSESSMENT THAT RECENT STRAINS IN SOVIET-
IRAQI RELATIONS PROBABLY NOT SUFFICIENT TO CAUSE MAJOR
CHANGES IN THEIR RELATIONSHIP; THEY NEED EACH OTHER
TOO MUCH.HE AGREED AND ADDED THAT SHAH OF IRAN'S
INTENTION TO WEAN IRAQIS FROM SOVIETS WOULD BE UPHILL
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